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Washington, DC

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PETITION: Petition For Rule Making (Section 1.401.)
To Amend The FM Table Of Allotments
(Section 73.202b).

Channel No. -- 264

Channel Class -- C3

Community -- Humboldt, Kansas

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. USA

Re: FM License Request

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mike Sutcliffe and I am applying for a FM license in Southeast Kansas. I have been involved in the radio business since 1980. I became involved in a serious accident which left me paralyzed from the chest down and was contemplating my future in employment when Dale McCoy the owner of a local station asked me to do sports for him because of my knowledge of athletics. I said I'd try, and 16 years later I've gone from a sportscaster to program director to operations manager to finally station manager. The only thing I have not done is own a station.

Recently, KKOY radio in Chanute, Kansas, sold to out of state buyers and they promptly got rid of fourteen employees and totally automated both the AM & FM. The local news is read straight out of the newspaper, sports are recorded at five o'clock the day before and no local programming because of the automation. I am not applying because of my discontent because a owner has his prerogative as to his ways of running a station. I see a real void of coverage from Chanute, westward toward Wichita. The station which

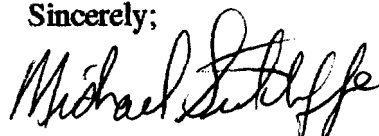
operates out of Independence does not reach Fredonia, Chanute has a limit of Fredonia.

I feel a 25,000 watt station could reach several thousands of people westward and could provide needed weather and news information which has been lacking forever.

I would like for you to consider my request as soon as possible. I would be able to start construction immediately upon notification and all financial backing has been secured. I have enclosed some letters of recommendation for you as well as some letters in the local newspaper. I hope to hear positive information regarding my request.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Sutcliffe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Michael Sutcliffe

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FCC

FROM: Sharon Stirewalt SS
Cheryl Lyons cl

DATE: August 21, 1996

RE: Radio Station in Southeast Kansas

There is a need for an additional radio station to cover southeast Kansas for news, weather and sports. Currently the existing radio station has changed its format to all satellite programing. Therefore, leaving the community without any local information

in times of severe weather and emergency situations which is even more critical in our community without a local television station.

We hope you will consider Mike Sutcliffes application for a FCC license to operate a radio station covering southeast Kansas.

*Note: This letter is from the
Executive Director of the
Chanute Chamber of Commerce
and the Executive Director of
the Chanute Main Street Program
Also former employees with
Mike.*

CITY OF HUMBOLDT

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*Annual Biblesta Parade
First Saturday in October*

LARRY J. MANION
Mayor

RACHEL A. MUELLER, CMC
City Clerk

August 15, 1996

Mike Sutcliffe
127 S. Grant
Chanute, Kansas 66720

Dear Mr. Sutcliffe:

In view of our recent conversation, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the City of Humboldt for the consideration shown us to locate a radio station and possible office in the immediate area of Humboldt. We welcome and support you in your endeavor to place a station tower in Humboldt and will assist you anyway we can in the location of a tower site.

It is my understanding your objective is a 25,000 Watt, FM station extending coverage in a westerly direction toward Wichita including smaller communities. News, weather and sport coverage along with community happenings and events are an asset to any community, irregardless of their size and I'm sure they will be recognized as such.

We recognize your experience and expertise in the field of radio transmission and recommend you proceed with your application to the F.C.C. You have our full support for the application approval and we will assist anyway we possibly can.

Sincerely,



Larry J. Manion
Mayor

LJM:ram

FREDONIA HIGH SCHOOL

916 Robinson - Fredonia, KS 66736

HOME OF THE YELLOWJACKETS

Robert L. Kiblinger
Principal



G. A. Buie
Assistant Principal

August 22, 1996

FCC
%Mike Sutcliffe
127 S Grant
Chanute KS 66720

RE: Mike Sutcliffe, Southeast Kansas Radio Station

To whom it may concern:

As a high school administrator, I have worked with Mike as he covered school activities at Fredonia High School as well as around the Southeast Kansas area. He was very active and positive in his coverage of youth activities and events related to education.

I feel there is a void at this time in coverage due to non-interest from area radio stations and also from the lack of power from stations in the area. It would be my hope that a suitable pro-Fredonia station could exist in the near future to support USD # 484, Fredonia High School, and the city of Fredonia.

As a member of the Fredonia Economic Development Committee and with the new highway that is presently being built, I feel that there will be a need for more improved radio coverage for the Fredonia and Wilson County area.

Please give the proposal from Mike Sutcliffe serious consideration.

Respectfully,

Robert Kiblinger
Principal

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Your views

Spoiled by old KKOY

Entrepreneurs arise! This would be a great place for a local radio station.

Tuesday evening after the polls closed, my emotions ran from disappointment to frustration to anger. I couldn't believe that our so called "news and information" radio station didn't have a single election return. Sure the Royals were on, and sure they were winning, so maybe after the game, right? Wrong. Following the game they went to ABC news and then right into the regularly scheduled "talk radio" program. I was finally able to pick up some returns on channel 12 at about 10:15 p.m.

From the display of campaign signs all over the county and the reports of some damaged and stolen signs, it would seem that the election was of at least some interest to area citizens. There was no lack of "paid" political ads on the radio, but where was the real "news and information" when we wanted and needed it?

I suppose I have been spoiled by the more than 20 years of election night coverage we had become accustomed to from Dale McCoy and his crew. It was exciting to be able to hear reports come into the radio station from local and area courthouses as the votes were tabulated. We were a part of the election, as voted totals increased, decreased, and in some cases reversed.

That was a real news and information station. That was a dedicated team effort, one that we took for granted. Those were the days when the radio was the place to get "breaking" news stories, be it election returns, or those same air personalities acting as storm spotters to keep Neosho County and area residents alert to threatening weather conditions. Now we must be content with national, state and regional news, and perhaps a story or two read from yesterday's Chanute Tribune.

Finally, Wednesday morning 6 a.m., and they begin with ABC news, and then the local news begins with an emphasis on statewide races, which is alright, but not even a hint as to local races. Then, following a commercial, the story about the hotly contested county attorney's race. The story mentioned that Linus Thuston had defeated the incumbent Sheryl Beagley, with Thuston receiving 78 percent of the vote and Beagley 22 percent. This was followed by a sound bite from Thuston, not as the victorious county attorney-elect, but as a campaigning candidate, taped days before the election.

Again, we had become used to taped interviews with the winners and in some cases the losers. There was no mention of any area races, although many Chanute

residents have family and friends in neighboring counties.

I just feel totally let down by our local radio station. We need a station that cares about us, the listeners being informed. We need the likes of Dave Armstrong, Tim McCoy, Pat Sheban, Michael "Bubba" Farran, Dan Johnson and Bob Burk. They always went out of their way to become a part of the listeners' lives. They recognized those listeners voices on Swap and Save, they had informative interviews with candidates before elections, and they told us about Special People in our communities who had done things worthy of recognition. As I said at the outset, this would be a great place for a radio station.

Dennis J. Maher
Chanute

Took radio for granted

How true the old saying is: "We don't miss the water until the well runs dry."

The same holds true about our radio station. We didn't realize what a great station we had until we lost it.

There is a radio station in Chanute, but Chanute doesn't have a radio station. We had five people out there. Now it's mostly just a building.

I have just stopped turning it on. What's the use? I'm not interested in all that "fill-in stuff." I like to hear news from Chanute and the area like it used to be. When it looked stormy we could depend on the station to keep us informed. No more. Probably no one out there.

I'm glad to read that there are others who are also unhappy with the way things have changed, and not for the better.

Are there any ideas out there of how we could get our old radio station back?

Eva Lee Christmas
Chanute

Toss out canned radio

Wasn't it nice umpteen years ago when the first radio station was built. We can still hear that familiar voice of Jim Fehr.

Then don't forget Al Diller's efforts to improve piped-in music to downtown businesses. Chris you did a great job, too.

We do get early morning news, obituaries and I hope soon they will be telling us of more city meeting news and school activities, besides menus. We need the severe storm warnings and watchers as we used to have to protect our people.

We don't see much of remote man "Sparkie" anymore. He's not pacing the streets for business as usual. And, what about Mike Sutcliffe? And, the Sunday "Irish Rover" man Brad Ford isn't there to push buttons. Now we can hear talk programs from miles and miles away, but I do hear Scott occasionally on them.

During March and April when I was homebound I heard one Sunday with church tapes. What happened to the rest? Someone told me that same tape was played

four Sundays in a row. Really.

I wonder what happened to the dollars the churches paid? Surely wasn't refunded was it? I feel sorry for a homebound country lady who contributed financially to the church tapes so she could listen on Sundays since she couldn't attend church. Isn't that sad?

Oh, well. I'm glad to be an American and living in Chanute. I'll still be listening to the local station, if they are on, till after the 7 a.m. news and then when music and talk starts I'll switch my radio to my favorite music, time and temperature and weather from a few miles away, until Mr. Humphrey decides to toss out the canned stuff and get the programming improved. I guess I'm not alone as it sounds like Dennis Maher is doing the same. Are there others?

Audrey Barnow
Chanute

EXHIBIT A

CO-CHANNEL 264

STATIONS IN 300 KILOMETERS RADIUS OF COORDINATES FROM
THE NATIONAL ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HUMBOLDT, KS. N 37 48 42; W 95 26 18

	Class A to C3 - Min. Separation	142 km
Chelsea, OK.	FR KTFR ADD N 36 31 27 264A W 95 26 55	142.86 km. 180.37 deg.

	Class C3 to C3 - Min. Separation	153 km.
None		

	Class C2 to C3 - Min. Separation	177 km.
None		

	Class C1 to C3 - Min. Separation	211 km.
Carrollton, MO.	FM KMZU LIC N 39 21 59 264C1 W 93 24 12	247.38 km. 45.7 deg.

	Class C to C3 - Min. Separation	237 km.
None		

EXHIBIT B

200 kHz ADJACENT CHANNEL 263 AND 265

STATIONS IN 250 KILOMETER RADIUS OF COORDINATES FROM
THE NATIONAL ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN
HUMBOLDT, KS. N 37 48 42; W 95 26 18

Class A to C3 - Min. Separation					89 km.
Eureka Springs, AR.	FM KTCN 265A	LIC	N 36 22 48 W 93 44 53		218.64 km. 136.6 deg.
Clay Center, KS.	FM KCLY 265A	LIC	N 39 21 53 W 97 05 32		224.64 km. 320.1 deg.
Osage Beach, MO.	FR KYLC 265A	ADD	N 38 07 29 W 92 40 39		245.03 km. 81.8 deg.
Miana, OK.	FM KGLC 265A	LIC	N 36 53 27 W 94 47 01		117.49 km. 150.4 deg.
Ponca, OK.	FM KDNC 265A	LIC	N 36 59 36 W 97 04 20		192.8 km. 228.7 deg.
Sulpupa, OK.	FM KXOJ 265A	LIC	N 36 03 38 W 96 06 03		203.05 km. 196.8 deg.

Class C3 to C3 - Min. Separation					99 km.
None					

Class C2 to C3 - Min. Separation					117 km.
Aurora, MO.	FM KGMV 263C2	LIC	N 37 05 39 W 93 31 05		187.61 kg. 115.1 deg.

Class C1 to C3 - Min. Separation					144 km.
None					

Class C to C3 - Min. Separation					176 km.
None					

EXHIBIT C

400 kHz ADJACENT CHANNEL 262 AND 266

STATIONS IN 200 KILOMETER RADIUS OF COORDINATES FROM
THE NATIONAL ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HUMBOLDT, KS. N 37 48 42; W 95 26 18

Class A to C3 - Min. Separation					42 km.
Southwest City, MO.	FM KWMQ	LIC	N 36 30 28		162.31 km.
	262A		W 94 36 35		153.0 deg.
Siloam Springs, AR.	FM KLRC	LIC	N 36 11 25		195.96 km.
	266A		W 94 33 55		156.6 deg.
Caney, KS.	FM KEOJ	LIC	N 36 58 19		101.62 km.
	266A		W 95 53 47		203.5 deg.
Class C3 to C3 - Min. Separation					43 km.
None					
Class C2 to C3 - Min. Separation					56 km.
None					
Class C1 to C3 - Min. Separation					76 km.
Harrisonville, MO.	FM KCFK	LIC	N 39 04 24		162.88 km.
	266C1		W 94 29 06		30.7 deg.
Class C to C3 - Min. Separation					96 km.
Topeaka, KS.	FM KDVV	LIC	N 38 57 15		133.37 km.
	262C		W 95 54 43		341.9 deg.

EXHIBIT D

600 kHz. ADJACENT CHANNEL 261 AND 266

STATIONS IN 200 KILOMETERS RADIUS OF COORDINATES FROM
THE NATIONAL ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HUMBOLDT, KS. N 37 48 42; W 95 26 18

Class A to C3 - Min. Separation				42 km.
Cassville, MO.	FM KRLK 261A	LIC	N 26 37 37 W 93 48 21	195.57 km. 132.2 deg.
Bartlesville, AR.	FM KYFM 261A	LIC	N 36 44 04 W 95 51 18	125.11 km. 197.1 deg.
Pinca City, OK.	FM KIXR 261A	LIC	N 36 47 19 W 97 02 53	182.34 km. 231.5 deg.
Class C3 to C3 - Min. Separation				43 km.
Deerfield, MO.	FR 261C3	ADD	N 37 49 41 W 94 29 32	83.30 km. 88.7 deg.
Class C2 to C3 - Min. Separation				56 km.
None				
Class C1 to C3 - Min. Separation				76 km.
None				
Class C to C3 - Min. Separation				96 km.
Wichita, KS.	FM KFDI 267C	LIC	N 37 47 47 W 97 31 59	184.45 km. 269.4 deg.

EXHIBIT E

CHANNELS 10.6 mHz AND 10.8 mHz REMOVED FROM CARRIER FREQUENCY

STATIONS IN 100 KILOMETERS RADIUS OF COORDINATES FROM
THE NATIONAL ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HUMBOLDT, KS. N 37 48 42; W 95 26 18

Class C to C3 Min. Separation				31 km.
Pittsburg, KS.	FM KRPS	LIC	N 37 18 44	78.14 km.
	210C		W 94 48 53	135.1 deg.